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Commissioner for Patents

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Dear Sir,

This 23 page communication is an after final action response to the Final Office Action mailed September 7, 2006 pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.116. The Office Action has been carefully considered, and the Applicants have the following comments:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begin on page 2 of the Applicants' Reply.

Remarks begin on page 19 of the Applicants' Reply.